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May 25, 2007

2133 IGR/CEQA  
6-KIN-41-33.004/35.7+/-  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
WATER DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
SK FOODS TOMATO PROCESSING  
SCH: 2007051030

Mr. Jeff Pyle  
Engineering Geologist  
Central Valley Regional Water  
Quality Control Board  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, CA 93706

Dear Mr. Pyle:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Negative Declaration for the Waste Discharge Requirements for SK Foods Tomato Processing Facility located on approximately 2,600 acres southeast of the State Route 41 / 198 Interchange, near the City of Lemoore. The waste discharge requirements would be applied for use of food processing wastewater for crop irrigation on agricultural property. Caltrans has the following comments:

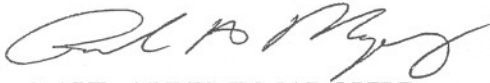
The Draft Negative Declaration does not identify changes to traffic patterns or volumes. As such, we conclude that there will be no increase in traffic resulting from the waste discharge site relocation. Should the proposed improvements result in additional truck or employee traffic, Caltrans requests notification to assess potential impacts to the State Highway System..

Please be advised that an encroachment permit must be obtained for all proposed activities for placement of encroachments within, under or over the State highway rights-of-way. Activity and work planned in the State right-of-way shall be performed to State standards and specifications, at no cost to the State. Engineering plans, calculations, specifications, and reports (documents) shall be stamped and signed by a licensed Engineer or Architect. Engineering documents for encroachment permit activity and work in the State right-of-way may be submitted using English Units. The Permit Department and the Environmental Planning Branch will review and approve the activity and work in the State right-of-way before an encroachment permit is issued. Encroachment permits will be issued in accordance with Streets and Highway Codes, Section 671.5, "Time Limitations."

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If you have any questions, please call me at (559) 445-5867.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul-Albert Marquez", with a stylized, cursive script.

PAUL-ALBERT MARQUEZ  
Central Region Planning  
District 6

C: State Clearinghouse